

BIG MONEY IDEA BOOZE AND CRIME

VISION OF BIG MONEY IN THIS
WAY OFTEN LEADS TO SER-
IOUS CRIMES.

Seriousness of the liquor law enforcement situation in every community of Michigan and the fact that officers are dealing with the most desperate type of criminals in exhibiting bootleggers and rum-runners, is seen in the fact that 18 murders have already been committed by these violators.

This total of 18 deaths has been compiled from statistics in possession of W. V. Waltman, superintendent of the Michigan Anti-Saloon League at Lansing. Law enforcement officers in many states have been shot down from ambush or deliberately murdered when out-numbered by these outlaws.

Major Roy Haynes of the federal liquor law enforcement organization, has reported to Michigan officials that the death rate among the men engaged in cleaning up the liquor traffic is greater in proportion than were the casualties of the American Expeditionary forces in the World War.

"Violators of the prohibition law in Michigan include among their members the most desperate and vicious criminals of the state," declares Mr. Waltman. "Federal officers are working under a handicap of having no federal law to protect them against murder. In event of killings these criminals can only be punished thru the legal machinery of the state in which the crimes are committed."

For some time the Michigan Anti-Saloon League has been furnishing regular bulletins to prosecuting attorneys of the state, providing these officials with the latest developments in the prohibition situation in the state and now arrangements have been completed to extend this service to the newspapers of the state, and it is planned through the splendid co-operation of the press in Michigan to keep an accurate check upon this big problem.

Cow Testing Work Increasing in State

The organization of a cow testing association in Livingston County last week marks the latest step in the steadily growing number of test associations being maintained by dairy-men of the state. There are now fifteen "live" associations in Michigan, with prospects for the early organization of several additional groups.

Growing realization of the need for accurate figures on the production ability of individuals in a dairy herd, in order to eliminate "boarders" or low production animals, is held responsible for popularity of test associations. Under their organization, usually of about 25 farmers, an official tester is hired to spend one day a month with each herd. This man keeps accurate checks on the production of the herds and is responsible for official records on the individual cows.

The recently organized Livingston County Cow Testing Association is the first ever organized in that county, in spite of the fact that Livingston is referred to as the leading Holstein county of America. A feature of the association, which was organized under the joint direction of County Agricultural Agent F. S. Dunks and A. C. Baltzer, extension specialist from the dairy department of the Michigan Agricultural College, is the fact that 22 of the 26 farmers in the association have pure bred cattle of the various dairy breeds.

New cow test associations are to be organized in the near future in Van Buren County, according to the college specialists. More than 150 farmers of that county signed up for association organization following a recent dairy and alfalfa campaign put on there by the college.

WEATHER REPORT

The weather summary for December given out by F. L. Delavan, local co-operative observer, shows a mean maximum temperature for the month of 34 degrees, with a mean minimum of 21 degrees. The maximum was 53 degrees on December 2nd and the minimum was zero on December 25. There was a total of 3.61 inches of precipitation during the month, the greatest in 24 hours being 1.37 inches on December 17. The total snowfall of the month was 10 inches. On 10 days 91 or more inches of precipitation fell. There were 8 clear days during the month, 4 part cloudy and 19 cloudy.

Comparative data for December over a five year period is rather interesting. The highest temperature for the month was 53 degrees in 1921. 1921 had the highest temperature for December over the 5 year period with 57 degrees. The year 1916 also had higher temperature in December with 55 degrees. In 1917 and 1920 the highest temperature recorded during the month was 46 degrees. In 1918 it was 52 degrees. The lowest temperature recorded in December in 1921 was zero. In 1916 it was 8 below, in 1917 13 below, in 1918 3 above zero and in 1919 7 below zero. A year ago it was four degrees above zero. With two exceptions the average temperature for December over the 5 year period was highest last month when the average was 27.5

degrees. The highest was 29 degrees in December 1918, and 31 degrees in 1920. In 1917 the average was 18.5 degrees and in 1919 was 18 degrees. December 1921 ranked third in the amount of precipitation of the five Decembers and with one exception the snowfall was the lightest, giving way only to December 1920.

Clean-Up Drive in the Hospitals

Chicago, Jan. 12.—By order of the Director of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, a Hospital Clean-up Drive is being instituted in every district throughout the entire country. This drive is to be conducted along much the same lines as the general Clean-up campaign which is now drawing to a close. Representatives of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau will go into every hospital and institution in this district (Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin), for the purpose of assisting the executive men in these hospitals to file new compensation claims and to secure adjudication of claims previously filed.

By means of this drive, it is hoped to clear up two kinds of compensation claims of disabled ex-service men; first, to assist the men who have not already filed claims to do so and to secure speedy adjudication of same; second, to clean up all compensation claims of hospitalized ex-service men not receiving temporary total awards since date of hospitalization and claims of which award is withheld for general proof that the man's disability originated and is a result of his service in the U. S. armed forces.

During this special hospital campaign the Bureau will endeavor to bring every hospital case currently up to date.

All ex-service men now in hospitals and in institutions and relatives or friends of these men are urged to see to it that claims falling under the above specification are filed by the men or for the men. Every hospital and institution in which there are ex-service men is being notified in advance of the date of the visit of the representative of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau.

Check Babies of Farm Week Guests

"Check your baby, Madam?" Such will be the unusual question asked of women visitors during Farmers' Week at the Michigan Agricultural College, Jan. 30 to Feb. 3 this winter.

A special day nursery, in charge of home economics teachers at the college, will be maintained throughout the week of conferences in order that women may "park the baby" while they take in the various exhibits and meetings.

"We have found in the past that many women have been unable to come to Farmers' Week because of the difficulty of taking care of the children while they are on the campus," says Helen Goodrich, of the Home Economics Department. "The day nursery will make it possible for these mothers to be free during the hours they are here, and should prove a real help to our many women guests."

Between twenty-four and twenty-five hundred women visited the home economics exhibits and lectures during the week last winter. Meetings and conferences planned for the women visitors make up what has been known for years as the Housewives' Congress, run jointly with Farmers' Week annually.

New exhibits on all phases of agricultural work, general meetings which will be addressed by leading authorities of the country, and special conferences held by many of the state's leading agricultural organizations will make this year's gathering one of the biggest ever held at the college. Farmers from all over Michigan, as well as many from out of the state, spend the week at East Lansing each year.

THE WHY OF ADVERTISING

Advertising serves a public and a community purpose, by working to concentrate trade in the hands of business people who organize it efficiently. By enabling them to increase the volume of their trade, it helps them to do business with smaller charges for overhead costs and operating expense, and thus to offer low prices to the public.

The Record, in offering advertising space, is not merely seeking to enlarge its own receipts. It learns from business, experts and authorities, that advertising is an essential element in attaining success. If it is essential to build up a business concern, it must be necessary to promote the combined enterprises of community life. Therefore, if Alma is to advance as it should, our business men must all be consistent and enterprising advertisers.

FORMER ALMA MEN IN NEW BERTHS

Two former Republic baseball stars, who were with the Flint club of the Michigan-Ontario league this past year, will be located in new berths this coming year. "Bob" Sherlow, one of the stars of the Republic hurling corps and a Gratiot County lad, has been sold by the Flint club to the Toronto team of the International league. The change is a big boost for the former Republican. "Bill" Hunter, who formerly cavorted in center field with the Republics and went to Flint last summer has been sold to the Hamilton club of the M-O league.

TOM MIX—Strand Saturday.—advertisement

Local Happenings Tersely Told

TOM MIX—Strand Saturday.—advertisement
You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers 02 tfe
All 35.00 hats at \$1.98—At D. W. Robinson's.—advertisement

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Brown spent Sunday in Saginaw, guests of relatives. Ralph Chisholm of Breckenridge was in the city on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Falconer are the proud parents of a girl born to them Thursday.

Dr. E. G. Sloyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f
Have your feed ground at the Alma Elevator Co., 208 Woodworth.—advertisement 31f.

William Burgess returned Monday from Ypsilanti, where he has been visiting with his sister.

The C. C. L. Ladies will meet with Mrs. Winslow on State street Monday evening, January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cummings of Cleveland, Ohio, have been visiting at the home of his parents here.

James Gibbs of Ithaca, chairman of the Gratiot County Road Commission, was in the city on business Monday.

Mrs. C. M. Howell, East Downey street, is visiting with her son, Dr. Howell, in Grayling for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dietz and son, Samuel, were called to Lansing Friday by the serious illness of the former's son, Henry.

Mrs. Arthur Deitz and daughters, Elizabeth and Helen, and Miss Vernon Brown were Saginaw visitors the latter part of the week.

Mrs. C. R. Robinson returned the latter part of last week from Charlotte, where she had been spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Frank F. Smith and sister, Mrs. Fred A. Wade, of Detroit are spending the week in New York City attending the National Automobile Show.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. F. S. Doud, 112 E. Center street, on Tuesday afternoon, January 17, at 2:30.

If you are feeling all worn out, if you can't eat, sleep or work with any satisfaction, you need Tanlac. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

The National Clothing Company has been placed under new management and will remain in Alma and continue to conduct a credit business.—advertisement

Mrs. Ezra L. Smith is attending a conference of the executive board of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, which is being held in Grand Rapids.

The annual report of Alma Civic Improvement League appears in this issue of The Record. It contains much of vital importance to the city and should be read by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Benedict left last Saturday for Redlands, Cal., where they will spend the balance of the winter with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Smith.

W. D. Wright of Harbor Springs, a member of the board of public works, and a former newspaper editor in that city, was an Alma visitor Wednesday, and a pleasant caller at the Record office.

President H. M. Crooks was in St. Louis Tuesday evening, where he acted in the capacity of toastmaster at a banquet held there to celebrate the completion of the new Presbyterian Church in that city.

Eddie Boyne, former Alma College athlete, now coach at Midland High, visited with Alma friends Friday for several hours, while enroute to Mt. Pleasant where his basket ball team played that evening.

Tanlac is the ideal strengthener and body builder for old folks, because it creates a healthy appetite for wholesome food and strengthens and invigorates the digestive organs. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

J. E. Fuller, N. E. Saad, Albert P. Cook and J. D. Heinan, Alma supervisors, were in Ithaca Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday attending the sessions of the January meeting of the Gratiot County Board of Supervisors.

The Frances Willard Union will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Cora B. Smith, 740 State street, on Wednesday, January 18, at 2:30 o'clock. The topic for discussion at the meeting will be W. C. T. U. work among the colored people.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Crisp are the proud parents of a son, born to them Monday evening. Glen has been in such a cheerful mood and so full of vim since that happy event that he is just annihilating work at the Republic. Been hittin' on all six and travellin' in high, so to speak.

Kenneth, thirteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Pennington and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Holmes, died at the home of the latter in Mt. Pleasant last Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and their daughter were former Alma residents.

The regular meeting of St. Alma Shrine No. 26, W. S. of J. will be held Tuesday evening, January 17. The business meeting will call at 7:00 o'clock and the installation at 8:00 o'clock. All Masons and their families are invited to attend the installation. Refreshments and dancing will follow the installation.

G. V. Wright and Paul Crandell were in Ithaca Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with other funeral directors of the county, conferring with a committee from the Board of Supervisors relative to the burial of unclaimed dead, for which the county has in the past refused to furnish money for burial purposes.

EAST ALMA

Miss Retta Dexter, Pleasant avenue, was joined in marriage to Mr. James Moyd Moffatt, of Saginaw, on Wednesday, January 4.

Edward March, Republic avenue, has received his discharge from the army, and is now in Washington, Ohio. He is expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bookler, Michigan avenue, are the happy parents of a baby girl born to them Thursday evening, January 5.

The Parent-Teacher's club will not meet this month, as announced. The club will meet again in February in Republic school.

The Eastminister Ladies' Aid will meet Friday afternoon, January 13, with Mrs. Willard S. Peterson, corner of Eastward street and Elmwood avenue. The Aid is working for the Alma Welfare Association and all the women in the community are asked to join in this good work.

There is a warm welcome for any one interested in the work.

Miss Beulah Dyer, Grove avenue, was joined in marriage on Monday, January 9, to Mr. William Miller, Pine street.

Mrs. Hattie Thoran, from Belding, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fred Taylor, of Linden avenue.

The following are the newly elected officers at Eastminister chapel Sunday school: superintendent, Geo. Harold Dean; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Willard Peterson; secretary, Edwin L. Faul; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Dickens; pianist, Miss Margaret McIntyre; librarian, Miss Beatrice Snyder; assistant librarian, Miss Margaret Hare.

VESTABURG

Mrs. Alida Miller is quite sick.

Mrs. Effie Hopkins and grandchildren of Alma and niece, Mrs. Mae Newcomb, and her daughter of Bay City, were here the past week visiting the former's sister, Mrs. G. P. Stites, and other relatives.

Mrs. Conley Stauffer who has been unable to teach school for several days was able to resume her school duties at the Vestaburg high school Monday.

V. D. Throop and nephew are up near North Branch on a fishing trip. Leon Erskin has charge of the Pool room during Mr. Throop's absence.

Herman Smith and sister, Mrs. Paige Throop, went to Butternut Monday on account of the critical illness of their uncle, John Greek, and were at his home when he passed away Monday night.

The young people of Vestaburg and vicinity are enjoying the excellent skating at Bass Lake.

Ask for a fitting demonstration of this shoe

We invite you to a fitting demonstration of the new FLEXATED SHOE.

We don't ask you to buy a pair —just to be fitted.

If you are willing to let us take them off again you won't even be asked to buy.

The Grant FLEXATED SHOE

embodies an entirely new discovery in shoe making. It is a FLEXIBLE ARCH shoe for men and women with the arch built in so the foot gets a firm gentle support.

Not a corrective shoe but a shoe that will fit 95% of feet today. A shoe to keep well feet well and make tired feet happy.

You can put on a new pair of FLEXATED SHOES and walk miles and miles without discomfort, for there's no "breaking in" necessary.



FLEXATED SHOES are built on the most up-to-date lasts. The last word in style and comfort for both men and women.

The FLEXATED SHOE is fitted to the arch in a new way from heel to ball that insures a perfect fit. We simply can't tell you all about these wonderful shoes. Come in and try on a pair today.

Economy SHOE STORE
ALMA, MICHIGAN

The Christian Endeavor members of the Church of Christ elected the following officers at their meeting Sunday evening: Harry Brown, president; Miss Bessie Brown vice president; Glenn Blough secretary; Miss Adelaide Brown, treasurer; and Miss Florence Brown, pianist.

Mrs. Ellen Shores was very pleasantly surprised Thursday evening when a number of her friends came to spend the evening with her at the home of her sister, Mrs. R. J. Bartlett, in honor of her birthday. Pop corn and candy were served by the guests. The evening was spent socially.

Arthur Peck of Alma spent Thursday here with friends.

C. L. Nichols of Riverdale was a business caller here Saturday.

Record want ads pay.

TAKES HOLD AND HELPS

Colds that "hang on" should be gotten rid of, for no one can stand the strain of racking cough, disturbed sleep and irritation of throat and lungs. Marie Heisler, Freeport, Ill., writes: "I had more or less of a cough for years and I have taken quite a number of medicines. None of them takes hold and helps like Foley's Honey and Tar." This old, reliable cough syrup promptly helps coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Contains no opiates. Children like it.

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BREAD! BREAD!

The Bakers have advanced their price on Bread and right now is the proper time to buy flour and cheat the Baker.

Each 24 1/2 lb. sack of our Flour will bake 30 loaves of Good Bread and each sack guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. You can't lose. Bake your own Bread.

Phone 252 and get
a sack delivered

	Sack	Bbl.
Perfection Pastry Flour	\$.90	\$6.75
White Lily Bread Flour	\$1.00	\$7.50
Best Kansas Flour Strictly High Grade	\$1.10	\$8.50

(Equal to Made Rite or Larabee's)

Daley's Feed Store

220 State Street Phone No. 252

January Hardware Specials Are Becoming Popular These Days

High Quality Steering Hand Sled Investigate \$1.49	Big 3 Vacuum Hand Washing Machine Runs easy \$15.95	Heavy Gauge Aluminum 14 qt. Dishpan \$1.69
—300— Assorted Sizes Guaranteed Quality Pocket Knives 69c	Jan. 16th to 31st Winchester Special Clipper Crucible Steel auto and Camp Axe 50c	Special Favor PAY 50c for a full quart U. S. A. Polish, not right, return

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Greater Results Will be Shown

WHENEVER a man puts some of his hard earned money into a proposition which is advertised to give good returns he has a right to expect good returns. It is frequently the case that in order to secure the advertised results, that the time element must be considered. Our proposition involves the time element. A considerable amount of the advertising in The Record is intended as selling talk — written salesmanship — to the week-end shoppers in Alma and vicinity. Many of these shoppers live on the rural routes out of Alma which means that if they are to be reached through The Record medium that the paper must be in the post office in time to go out on the routes on Friday morning. We cannot carry news to these buyers of Alma merchandise of your special inducements to trade at your store and give you the best of results unless you co-operate with us in the matter of getting The Record out on time. You say that is our problem — well not altogether. It takes a certain amount of time to get out a paper and you can help considerably in securing for yourself the greatest return on this particular investment by letting us have your ad copy early in the week.

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